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SHREVEPORT MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN OBSCENITY CASE

Man sold bestiality videos over Internet

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **DANIEL SMART**, age 33, of Shreveport, Louisiana, appeared before United States District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. today and pleaded guilty to selling obscene videos. Sentencing has been set for October 3, 2006.

A bill of information was filed in January 2006 charging SMART with one count of engaging in the business of selling obscene matter. Testimony at today's hearing revealed that in January 2005, Louisiana State Police received an anonymous tip from an individual who indicated that SMART was producing bestiality videos. Further investigation by law enforcement agents revealed that SMART operated several websites which sold videos of individuals engaged in sex with animals and other pornographic images. SMART received orders for the videos on these websites and in turn mailed or sent the videos via Federal Express to the consumer.

SMART faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing

statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission are only used as guidelines by the judge in determining the appropriate sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Louisiana State Police, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

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